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The **Shorts 360** is a commuter aircraft built by [Short Brothers](#) of [Belfast, Northern Ireland](#), which is now a division of [Bombardier](#) of [Canada](#).



The Shorts 360 is a 36 seat derivative of the 30 seat [Shorts 330](#). In high density configuration 39 could be seated. The 3-foot (91 centimeter) stretch reduced drag in addition to adding capacity and employed a wider [wingspan](#). The development was announced in [1980](#), prototype first flight on [1 June 1981](#), type certification was awarded on [3 September 1981](#) and entered service with Suburban Airlines (later merged with [Allegheny Airlines/US Airways](#)) in November [1981](#).

Production ceased in 1991 after 165 deliveries. A total of 11 [hull losses](#) have been recorded (with one more probable in the wake of the recent [Air Cargo Carriers](#) incident [\[2\]](#)).

Shortly after Air Cargo Carriers loss of two aircraft, Australian Air Ferry was engaged to deliver two aircraft, one from Singapore, and one from Scotland, to Air Cargo Carriers to replace the two that were lost, and badly damaged in a mid air collision.

These aircraft were destined for Special operations in Iraq, and there delivery was of the utmost importance. Australian Air Ferry dropped everything and was happy to help, we were engaged to pick up both aircraft and deliver them to Milwaukee Wisconsin for Special Operations fit-out.

Both these aircraft are currently serving in Iraq.

Any Australian Air Ferry is happy to be supporting the troops in any way they can.

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